

REMARKS

Claims 66, 88, 91, 105, 106 and 109-120 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the Office Action dated October 23, 2006, the Examiner indicates that the application is not in compliance with the rules regarding biological sequences, and that there is a hyperlink in the application which must be removed.

Applicants respectfully note that these issues were addressed in the Preliminary Amendment filed May 22, 2002 (dated June 3, 2002 in the U.S. PTO electronic file). In a telephone conference on December 22, 2006, the Examiner confirmed that the Preliminary Amendment addresses each of the issues raised in the Office Action.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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